

To: Docket's Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
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Re: Docket #98N-1038, Irridiation in the production, processing and handling of food.

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I want you to use prominent labelling, including the use of terms "irradiation" or "irradiated" and the use of the radura symbol. Please do not allow the use of misleading terms such as "cold pasteurization", "electronic pasteurization" or any other such unclear label.

I believe this is an issue of personal freedom. While I am not supportive of irradiation, I know that some people really do believe it is harmless. I'm not saying they shouldn't have their view and choice to purchase such products if this is their belief. However, when I am not presented with the opportunity to clearly distinguish among produce that I believe to be more wholesome, healthful foods, I feel extremely controlled and violated. If irridiation is so good for us, why is their such a hesistance to disclose the fact? Who is getting to decide what is best for my own good? Remember this is **America**, home of the FREE, not a totatilitarian society telling me what is best for me.

If irradiation supporters are frustrated by not being able to convince the nonsupporters of their position, they should understand that I am equally frustrated that they choose not to see or understand my position. But this should not render my valid beliefs worthless by taking away my CHOICE.

Please do the RIGHT THING.

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